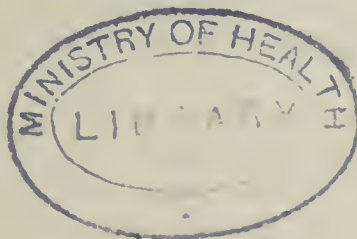


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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR  
1952



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## PREFACE

Public Health Office,  
12a, Institute Road,  
Swanage.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, and Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Borough of Wareham.

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the health  
and sanitary conditions of the Borough of Wareham for the year 1952.

The Report is set out in sections in the following order:-


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The health of the Borough remained satisfactory throughout the  
year. There were very few cases of infectious diseases, a total of  
14 having been notified compared with 132 in 1951.


The vital statistics for the Borough compare very favourably with  
those for the country as a whole and call for little comment. The  
estimated population figure for 1952 varies little from that of the  
1951 census figure. There were seven more live births and 17 more  
deaths than in 1951. As mentioned in previous annual reports undue  
importance should not be attached to rates where they are based on very  
small numbers.

The Council's house building programme made good progress during  
the year when a further fifteen houses were completed, three being  
bungalows for old people. Although the list of applicants for Council  
houses is being steadily reduced, there still appears to be considerable  
demand for accommodation of Council house standard within the Borough.

I wish to thank the Members of the Council for their kindness and  
consideration, and the Sanitary Inspector and other Officers of the  
Council for their help and co-operation during the Year.

  
Medical Officer of Health

July, 1953.



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

General Statistics

1. Area of the Borough	...	...	710 acres
2. Population			
At Census 1951	...	...	2,760
As estimated by Registrar General - mid 1952			2,753
3. Total number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book -			
At end of 1951	...		857
At end of 1952	...		853
4. Rateable value at 1st. April, 1952	...		£15,897
5. Sum represented by Penny Rate	...		£61. 4. 5d.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1952

				<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Live Births</u>						
Total Registered	...	...	...	45	24	21
Legitimate	...	...	...	43	22	21
Illegitimate	...	...	...	2	2	-
<u>Still Births</u>						
Total Registered	...	...	...	1	-	1
Legitimate	...	...	...	1	-	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	-	-	-
<u>Deaths</u>						
Total Registered	...	...	...	49	26	23
<u>Infant Mortality</u>						
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</u>						
Total Registered	...	...	...	-	-	-
Legitimate	...	...	...	-	-	-
Illegitimate	...	...	...	-	-	-
<u>Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age</u>						
Total Registered	...	...	...	-	-	-
Legitimate	...	...	...	-	-	-
Illegitimate	...	...	...	-	-	-





BIRTH, DEATH, INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES  
FOR THE YEAR 1952

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Home Population 16.3

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population 17.8

Area Comparability Factors

For Births 1.08

For Deaths 0.75

				<u>Wareham Borough</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
<u>Birth Rates per 1,000 Home Population(Standardised)</u>					
Live Births	...	...	...	17.6	15.3
Still Births	...	...	...	0.39	0.35
<u>Death Rates per 1,000 Home Population(Standardised)</u>					
All causes	...	...	...	13.4	11.3
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	...	...	...	0.00	0.00
Whooping cough	...	...	...	0.00	0.00
Diphtheria	...	...	...	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	0.00	0.24
Influenza	...	...	...	0.00	0.04
Smallpox	...	...	...	0.00	0.00
Acute Poliomyelitis(including Polioencephalitis)	...	...	...	0.00	0.01
Pneumonia	...	...	...	0.55	0.47
<u>Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 Live Births</u>					
All causes under 1 year of age	...	...	...	0.00	27.6
Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	0.00	1.1

MATERNAL MORTALITY

<u>Intermediate List No. and Cause</u>	<u>Number of Deaths</u>		<u>Rates per 1,000 Total (Live &amp; Still Births)</u>	
	<u>Wareham Borough</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>	<u>Wareham Borough</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
A115 Sepsis of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	61	0.00	0.09
A116 (Abortion with toxæmia)	0	13	0.00	0.02
(Other toxæmias of pregnancy and the puerperium	0	147	0.00	0.21
A117 Haemorrhage of preg- nancy & childbirth	0	59	0.00	0.09
A118 Abortion without mention of sepsis or toxæmia	0	31	0.00	0.04
A119 Abortion with Sepsis	0	47	0.00	0.07
A120 Other complications of pregnancy, child- birth and the puerperium	0	138	0.00	0.20





CAUSES OF DEATHS .. YEAR 1952

No. in Registrar General's Abridged List	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other ...	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease ...	1	-	1
4	Diphtheria ...	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough ...	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections ...	-	-	-
7	Acute Poliomyelitis ...	-	-	-
8	Measles ...	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	-	1	1
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-	2
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	-	-	-
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	-	-	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	2	8
15	Leukemia, Aleukemia ...	-	1	1
16	Diabetes ...	-	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	3	5
18	Coronary disease, angina ...	4	3	7
19	Hypertension with heart disease ...	2	1	3
20	Other heart diseases ...	2	5	7
21	Other circulatory diseases ...	2	-	2
22	Influenza ...	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia ...	1	1	2
24	Bronchitis ...	-	1	1
25	Other Diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	1	-	1
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	-	1	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate ...	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations ...	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	3	4
33	Motor vehicle accidents ...	-	-	-
34	All other accidents ...	1	1	2
35	Suicide ...	-	-	-
36	Homicide and operations of ware ...	-	-	-
Total		26	23	49



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### WATER SUPPLY

There has been no alteration in the source of water supply to the Borough during the year. The water is supplied from two wells at Worgret Heath, over a half a mile from the Borough boundary. The Old Well on Worgret Heath, 101 ft. above O.D. is about 100 ft. deep in the Bagshot sand and clay series, with a water rest level of 11 ft. The New Well sunk in 1940 in the nearby meadow, is 30 ft. deep with a water rest level of 25 ft. The untreated water from both wells is soft, acid, contains organic matter and is plumbo solvent. The treatment of the water is designed to alter these characteristics. The water is pumped through an aerating spray to a concrete tower 30 ft. in height where it is dosed with lime. It is then filtered through Permutit pressure filters and chlorinated before it is passed into concrete reservoirs which have a capacity of 320,000 gallons.

Difficulties continued to be experienced with the new pump which was installed at the Old Well owing to continued indrawing of fine sand, and at the end of the year the Council had under consideration reports from their Consulting Engineer on the advisability of regarding the Old Well as a standby and auxilliary source of supply, increasing the pumping at the New Well and sinking another well. The Council also invited the Consulting Engineer to prepare a scheme for the improvement of the distribution system.

There was a temporary shortage at high points during the dry periods, but this was due to defects in the distribution system and not to a shortage of available water. The quality of the treated water was highly satisfactory throughout the year.

The water mains was extended to serve 12 houses under construction at Carey for H.M. Forestry Commission on a site just outside the Borough.

The average daily consumption of water was approximately:-

* Total	...	...	100,000 gallons.
British Railways	...	...	14,500 gallons.
Wareham & Purbeck Rural District	...	...	7,910 gallons.

\* This figure does not include the gallonage pumped from the Duke and Ockenden pump.

#### Water Supply to Houses in the Borough

	<u>Percentage of Dwelling Houses</u>	<u>Percentage of Population</u>
<u>From Public Mains</u>		
(a) Direct to Dwelling Houses	98.43	98.92
(b) By means of Standpipe	0.71	0.44
<u>From Private Wells</u>		
(a) Direct to Dwelling Houses	0.43	0.48
(b) Not piped to Dwelling Houses	0.43	0.16

#### Bacteriological Examination of Water

<u>Description of Water</u>	<u>Total Number of Samples</u>	<u>Results</u>	
		<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>B. Coli per 100 ml.</u>
Treated water from service taps in the Town	28	27 1	nil 1 non-faecal





CHEMICAL ANALYSESCertificate of Analysis of a sample of Untreated Water - Worgret Waterworks

I hereby certify that I have examined the above mentioned sample with the following results:- (expressed in parts per million)

Ammonia, free	0.090	Albuminoid	0.080	Nitrites	trace
Nitrates, as Nitric nitrogen	1.48	Oxygen absorbed in 15 mins @ 80°F	1.241	Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. @ 80°F	2.926
Chlorine	21.00	Chlorine as		Hardness, temp.	45.0
Total solids	131.0	Sodium chloride	34.61	Hardness, perm.	24.0
Ph value	6.4			Hardness, total	69.0
Metals: Trace of iron.		Colour: Pale yellow and		Odour: none.	
Lead, copper, zinc absent		slightly turbid.			

Remarks: This is a fairly soft water containing a fair amount of organic matter. The above figures show no sign of pollution and in my opinion, from a chemical point of view the water is very suitable for both drinking and domestic purposes.

(Signed) Arthur S. Carlos, B.Sc.(Lond.) F.R.I.C.  
Public Analyst.

Certificate of Analysis of a sample of Treated Water - Worgret Waterworks

I hereby certify that I have examined the above mentioned sample with the following results:- (expressed in parts per million)

Ammonia, free	0.084	Albuminoid	0.064	Nitrites	absent
Nitrates, as Nitric nitrogen	0.99	Oxygen absorbed in 15 mins @ 80°F	0.942	Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. @ 80°F	1.775
Chlorine	28.0	Chlorine as		Hardness, temp.	75.0
Total solids	174.0	Sodium Chloride	43.14	Hardness, perm.	8.0
Ph Value	7.3	Free Chlorine	0.05	Hardness, total	83.0
Metals: Trace of iron.		Colour: Very pale		Odour: none.	
Lead, copper, zinc absent		yellow and clear.			

Remarks: This is a fairly soft water containing some organic matter. The above figures show no sign of pollution, and in my opinion from a chemical point of view the water is very suitable for both drinking and domestic purposes.

(Signed) Arthur S. Carlos, B.Sc.(Lond.) F.R.I.C.  
Public Analyst.

Certificate of Analysis for Plumbo Solvency - Untreated Water, Worgret Waterworks.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above mentioned sample with the following results:-

Free Carbon Dioxide ... 45.5 parts per million  
Plumbo Solvency ... When 6.8 sq.cm. of lead was exposed to the water in the cold for 6 days, it was found that 6.40 p.p.m. of lead were taken into solution.

Remarks: This water has a fairly high content of Free Carbon Dioxide and has a very marked action on lead.

Certificate of Analysis for Plumbo Solvency - Treated Water, Worgret Waterworks.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above mentioned sample with the following results:-

Free Carbon Dioxide ... 20 parts per million.  
Plumbo Solvency ... When 6.8 sq.cm. of lead was exposed to the water for 6 days in the cold, it was found that 0.73 parts of lead per million were taken into solution.

Remarks: This water has a low Carbon Dioxide content and has a slight action on lead in the cold.

(Signed) Arthur S. Carlos, B.Sc.(Lond.) F.R.I.C.  
Public Analyst.





## SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The sewerage system in addition to serving the Borough, receives sewage from 42 houses in the Bestwall area of the Wareham & Purbeck Rural District which lies just outside the Borough boundary. Storm water as far as is practicable is excluded from the sewerage system and is drained by soakaway pits or through storm-water drains to the Rivers Frome and Piddle. There is a storm-water overflow from the south-east pumping station to relieve the volume of flow during storm periods.

The sewerage works consists of three pumping stations situated at South Bestwall, North Bridge and Northport, and a disposal works situated on eight acres of land on the Borough boundary to the north-east of the town. The length of rising mains is 3,800 yards and provision is made for the chlorination of sewage at the pumping stations.

The disposal works consists of:-

- 1 Balancing tank - capacity 7,814 gallons, D.W.F. 3 hours
- 2 Dortmund tanks - capacity 39,060 gallons, D.W.F. 15 hours.
- 5 Sludge beds - area 5,250 sq.ft.

An area of approximately 5 acres of land is used for the treatment of the effluent from the Dortmund tanks; the effluent from the tanks is run off into broad trenches. These trenches have been constructed in a very irregular pattern and the whole of the available treatment area is, during wet weather frequently flooded with effluent, there being occasionally an overspill of untreated effluent into an adjacent stream and neighbouring land.

There were no major alterations to the sewerage disposal system during the year. Existing trenches and lagoons were improved and some additional lagooning by mechanical means was undertaken. The Council decided to install three Tidal Interceptors at the Quay and Abbot's quay, to relieve intermittent flooding owing to infiltration of sewers during storms.

Although it is evident that the present disposal system is inadequate and overloaded, it cannot be said that it is giving rise to a serious nuisance to the public health.

Number of houses not connected with sewer	...	...	4
Number of houses with pail closets	...	...	2
Number of houses with cesspools	...	...	2
Number of pail closets abolished during the year	...	...	nil
Number of cesspools abolished	...	...	2
Number of houses connected to sewer	...	...	50
Number of new cesspools	...	...	1

### Sewer Extensions

6" Glazed stoneware sewers were extended as follows:-

Wyatts Lane	...	...	90 yards
Carey Road ( H.M. Forestry Commission)	...	...	194 "
Kingsbere Estate	...	...	13 "
Mistover Road, Extension	...	...	75 "
Total			<u>372 yards</u>

### Drainage Works Carried Out

New drainage systems replacing those unsatisfactory	...	5
Drains repaired	...	4
Sewers repaired	...	2
Sewers and common drains cleared	...	2





SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Summary of Inspections

Building byelaws	59	Meat Inspection	7
Bakehouses	3	Nuisances	5
Butchers' shops	29	Petroleum stores	5
Complaints	6	Restaurant kitchens	3
Conveniences	5	Samples: Water(Bac.)	28
Dairies	4	Water(Chem.)	5
Drainage	69	Ice cream	4
Drain tests	40	Prunes	4
Fish Shops	3	Sewage disposal works	12
Fish Frying premises	12	Sewerage	15
Food Premises	53	Sewer tests	12
Houses (Housing Act)	22	Shops	3
(P. H. Act)	4	Tents, Vans, Sheds	4
(Purpose)	30	Water Supply	28
Ice Cream Premises	6	Infectious diseases	15
Markets	5	Miscellaneous	108

Total - 607

Statutory and Informal Notices

The following table shows the action taken to secure the abatement of nuisances and the removal of conditions dangerous or injurious to health:-

<u>Notices</u>	<u>Number served</u>	<u>Complied with</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
Informal	23	21	2
Statutory	2	3	nil

Miscellaneous Work done following Service of Notices

	<u>Notices Served</u>	<u>Complied with</u>
Rainwater gutters and downspouts ...	1	1
Sanitary accommodation ...	1	1
Defective floors ...	2	2
Piggeries drained ...	1	1
Choked gullies and drains ...	1	1
Dustbins provided ...	1	1
Defective fireplaces ...	1	1
Defective drains ...	4	4
Building byelaws - contraventions ...	6	5
Glazing - Butchers' shops ...	1	1
Permanent ventilation - closets ...	1	1
Wire cages to ventilating pipes ...	1	-
New Chimney - Fish Frying premises ...	2	2
Tents removed from unlicensed sites	2	2
	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>

Disinfection

During the year disinfection of premises, bedding and personal effects was carried out.

Number of visits in connection with infectious diseases	15
Number of rooms fumigated ... ..	6





### Control of Moveable Dwellings

There are no licenced sites for moveable dwellings in the Borough and no licences to station moveable dwellings have been issued during the year.

A tent erected on an unlicensed site and occupied by a family, was removed following Statutory notice.

The Council appointed a sub-committee to consider whether the Old Refuse Tip could be utilised as a (Municipally Owned) Caravan Site.

### Verminous Premises

No cases of verminous premises were reported during the year.

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

House and trade refuse collection is undertaken by the Council and collections are made weekly. Refuse is tipped on a privately owned site on the Puddletown Road in the Rural District.

Waste paper salvage collection was carried out in conjunction with the adjoining Rural District Council, but this was discontinued during the year.

### Swimming Baths

There are no swimming baths in the Borough. Bathing takes place in the River Frome near the Quay during the summer months.

### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following is a copy of the Rodent Officer's report for the year ended 31st. December, 1952.

	<u>Dwelling Houses</u>	<u>Business Premises</u>
Number of properties inspected ...	68	46
Number of properties found to be infested by rats ...	3	5
Number of properties found to be infested with mice ...	6	5
Number of infested properties treated by the Local Authority	9	9



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODMilk Supply

Number of Milk distributors on Register 31.12.52	...	...	3
Number of visits made to dairies during the year	...	...	4
Number of informal notices served in respect of defects	...	...	5
Number of informal notices complied with	...	...	5

One dairy within the Borough discontinued bottling milk and all bottled milk now comes from outside the Borough. It is estimated that about 95% or more of the milk supplied in the Borough is either pasteurised or tuberculin tested.

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1949

The following licences issued by the Wareham Borough Council were in force at the end of the year:-

Supplementary Licences to sell pasteurised milk	...	2
(One supplementary Licence was discontinued)		
Dealers Licence for Tuberculin Tested milk	...	1
Supplementary Licence to sell T.T. milk	...	1

Milk Sampling: The following are particulars of milk samples taken in the district by the Food & Drugs Authority for examination:-

Designation	No. of Samples	Result of Tests			
		Methylene Blue		Phosphatase	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	6	6	-	6	-
Tuberculin tested	3	3	-		

Meat Inspection

Number of Private Slaughterhouses (temporarily closed)	...	3
Number of Butchers' Shops	...	5
3 privately owned pigs were slaughtered and the carcasses examined.		

Food Inspected and Condemned

Tinned Goods	1114 lbs.	Cod Fillets	28 lbs.)	
Tinned Ham/Meat	79 "	Pork Bones	56 "	Total Weight
English Beef	142 "	Lambs Liver	230 "	16 cwts.3 qtrs.25 lbs.
Imported	240 "	Miscellaneous	12 "	

Food and Drugs Act, 1938

Number of premises registered for the sale or storage of ice cream	...	12
Number of premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream	...	nil
Number of premises registered for the preparation & manufacture of foods other than ice cream	...	10

Ice Cream

Four samples of ice cream were taken and submitted for the Methylene Blue Reductase test. The results placed three samples within the Provisional Grade 1 and one sample in Provisional Grade 3.

Cafes, Restaurants and Other Food Shops.

Inspection of these premises during the year showed that in general the standard of cleanliness is satisfactory. In no case was it found necessary to take legal proceedings under the Food and Drugs Act. Any defects found were remedied following informal notice.





HOUSING

During the year 25 new houses were built in the Borough compared with 10 in 1951, and the number of applicants for housing showed a reduction of 35 persons within the Borough and a reduction of 16 persons residing outside the Borough.

Six houses were demolished in pursuance of orders made under the Housing Act, 1936; five being houses in a pre-war clearance area.

Although the Council's building programme has effected a gradual decrease in the number of applicants on the waiting list for houses, it is obvious that there is still a considerable demand for the smaller type of house and especially a type suitable for old persons. The Council is meeting this demand by building 'Borough Bungalows'.

There has been very little work of major repair or reconstruction carried out to the older type of property in the Borough, and no work of improvement to houses has been carried out under the provisions of Part II of the Housing Act, 1949.

The number of applicants on the waiting list for Council houses at the end of 1952 (exclusive of those already re-housed under the Emergency Housing Scheme):-

Persons residing in the Borough	...	...	60
Persons residing outside the Borough	...	...	70

Applications from persons residing within the Borough are subdivided as follows:-

Applications for 3 bedroomed houses	...	...	4
Applications for 2 bedroomed houses	...	...	20
Applications from childless couples	...	...	14
Applications for Old Persons Bungalows	...	...	22

Emergency Housing

Total number of houses held under requisition by the Local Authority at 31st. December, 1952	...	...	5
Number of families rehoused	...	...	6
Number of houses de-requisitioned during the year	...	...	3

Housing Programme

<u>Site</u>	<u>No. of Houses Proposed</u>	<u>Completed in 1952</u>	<u>Completed since 1945</u>
Bere Road (Kingsbere Estate)	137	12	96
Moreton's Lane (Pre-fabs.)	10	-	10
* Cockpits Housing Site	2	-	2
* Red Lion Garden Site	4	-	4
* Moreton's Lane Housing Site	2	-	2
* Howards Lane Site	3	3	3
	<u>158</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>117</u>

\* Borough Bungalows





Housing Inspection

1.	<u>Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year</u>	
i	(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under both Public Health & Housing Acts) ...	26
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	56
ii	(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-heading (i) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925-1932 ...	1
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	2
iii	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous as to be prejudicial to health and unfit for habitation ...	-
iv	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	6
2.	<u>Remedy of Defects During the Year without service of Formal Notice</u>	
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of Informal action by the Local Authority ...	6
3.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers During the Year</u>	
	<u>(a) Proceedings under Section 9,10 &amp; 16, Housing Acts, 1936.</u>	
i	Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	-
ii	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of Formal Notice (a) By Owners ...	-
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners -	-
	<u>(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts</u>	
i	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	2
ii	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice (a) By Owners ...	3
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners -	-
	<u>(c) Proceeding under Section 11 &amp; 13, Housing Act, 1936</u>	
i	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made ...	-
ii	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders ...	6
	<u>(d) Proceeding under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936</u>	
i	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made ...	-
ii	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been made fit ...	-
4.	<u>New Houses</u>	
	Total number of new houses erected during 1952 ...	25
	Number erected during 1952 with State Assistance (a) By Local Authority ...	15
	(b) By other Bodies or Persons ...	-
	Number of houses owned by the Local Authority (a) Permanent ...	210
	(b) Temporary prefabricated bungalows ...	10





PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

There was very little infectious disease in the Borough during the year. No case of acute poliomyelitis and only one case of measles and one of whooping cough was notified.

Diphtheria

The one case of diphtheria notified in a woman age 48 who had not been immunised against diphtheria, was the first occurring in the Borough since 1943. C. Diphtheria (mitis type) which proved virulent on guinea pig inoculation were isolated from a throat swab from this case.

Food Poisoning

One case of food poisoning was notified in January. The infecting organism, Salmonella Minnesota was isolated from faeces of the patient, and the food responsible for conveying the infection was presumed to be meat pies which were brought by a visitor from an area where there was known to be an outbreak due to consumption of meat pies infected with S. minnesota. Remarks: Mr. and Mrs. H. of Northampton visited his brother Mr. H (and Mrs.) of Wareham, bringing meat pies one of which he gave to his brother and one to his nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. Junr. of Wareham. The meat pies were consumed by Mr. H. Senr. and Mr. and Mrs. H. Junr.; all were affected. Mr. and Mrs. H. of Northampton had left the district before the nature of the illness was discovered; they also were said to have been affected. The meat pies were consumed on 24.12.51; onset of illness was on 25.12.51. date of receipt of formal notification of case 5. 1.52. All cases were fully recovered by the time the notification was received.

Notifications (Corrected) Figures

Disease	1st. Qtr.	2nd. Qtr.	3rd. Qtr.	4th. Qtr.	Total	Admitted I. D. Hospital
Diphtheria	1	-	-	-	1	1
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	2	4	-
Whooping cough	-	1	-	-	1	-
Measles	-	-	1	-	1	-
Ac. Pneumonia	2	1	-	1	4	-
Dysentery	-	-	1	-	1	-
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	1	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	1	-	1	-

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified During 1952

Age Groups	Diph- the- ria	Scar- let fever	Whoop- ing cough	Measles	Pneu- monia	Dy- sen- tery	Ery- sipe- las	Food Poison- ing	Puer- peral pyroxia
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-					
1 - 2	-	-	1	-					
3 - 4	-	2	-	-					
5 - 9	-	2	-	1					
25 and over	1	-	-	-					
Under 5 years					-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14					-	1	-	-	-
15 - 44					1	-	1	-	1
45 - 64					1	-	-	1	-
65 and over					2	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	4	1	1	4	1	1	1	1





# Tuberculosis

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
25 - 34	-	1	-	-	nil - all ages			

<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>		<u>Total Cases</u>
<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
11	3	3	3	20

No cases of scabies and only one case of verminous condition of the scalp of a school child was reported during the year.

There were no cases during the year where it was necessary to proceed under the provisions of Section 47 of the 1948 Act.



FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948  
Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for the Purposes of Provisions as to Health (including  
Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		In- spections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	10	10	3	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	12	4	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises)	2	1	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				No.of Cases in which pro-secutions were insti-tuted
	Found	Re-medied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(S7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act(not including offences relating to Outwork	3	2	-	-	-
Total	6	5	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Sections 110 and 111

Nature of Work	No. of Out- workers in August List reqd. by Sec. 110(1)(e)	No. of Cases of default in sending Lists to the Council	No. of Pro- secutions for failure to supply Lists	No. of in- stances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	Pro- secu- tions
Wearing Apparel (making etc. cleaning & washing)	4	-	-	-	-	-

